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LINES, ON QUITTING ENGLAND.

BY MRS. L. H. SIGOURNEY.

Farewell, Old England. Often hath my heart
In early childhood, long'd with filial love
To look on thee. For thou didst tell me tales
Of ancient times, and sing me wondrous lays
Of wandering minstrels harping in thy halls,
Till I forgot my play.

And so, farewell !

'T would grieve me at this parting hour to think
That I should see thy kindly face no more,
But that my forest-home doth beckon me,
And seem so near, that on my cheek I feel
Its breath of love and joy.

Still stretch thy hand
Warm o'er the watery deep, and grapple close
My Country, in that league of unity
Which Commerce loves. For whatsoe'er shall bind
Those lands in amity, is dear to me,
Whether the links be golden, or fast twin'd
Of silken threads, by tranced Genius thrown
From shore to shore, high o'er the gulf of time,
And dy'd in heaven,—or those by Science knit
In firmer mesh,—such as the sorceress wove
With pin and web,—the strong man's locks around.

Peace be within thy walls, ancestral clime,—
And in thy palaces, and hallow'd domes
Prosperity.—And may no war-cloud rise
'Tween thee, and the young country of my birth,
That Saxon Vine thou plantedst in the wild
Where red men roam'd.

Oh, lift no sword again,—
 Mother and daughter! Shed no more the blood
 That from one kindred fountain fills your veins,
 Show the poor heathen in earth's darkest place
 The glory of your faith by its sweet fruits
 Of peace and charity.—So, may ye stand
 Each on her pedestal that breasts the surge,
 Until the strong Archangel, with his feet
 On sea and land, shall toll the knell of time.

PEACE PUBLICATIONS REQUESTED FOR MISSIONARIES AT THE WEST.

The following application, so timely and so welcome, we commend, especially at a time like the present, to the serious consideration of all friends of peace, but particularly of those who are interested in Home Missions.

New York, May 22, 1846.

REV. GEORGE C. BECKWITH,

DEAR BROTHER,—You have been offering the Publications of the Peace Society to ministers of the Gospel at so low a rate, that it might seem that every one could easily possess himself of so desirable an auxiliary in his work, as an ambassador of the Prince of Peace. And yet, there are some nine hundred to a thousand missionaries of the American Home Missionary Society, scattered over twenty-six different States and Territories of the Union, the most of whom will not, I suppose, see these publications, unless they can, in some way, be put into their hands as a gratuity. The larger portion of the missionaries who should receive your publications, would, I doubt not, preach to their own people discourses in favor of Peace, enriched and made effective by the appropriate and valuable materials thus furnished them; and many of these discourses would be likely to be repeated in the communities where the missionaries occasionally labor. The interest, also, which would be awakened in their own minds on this subject, and their intelligence in regard to it in all its bearings, would have an important influence, in various other ways, in promoting peace on earth, and good will among men.

I wish to inquire, therefore, whether it is not possible for your Society, in some way, to secure the generous contributions of philanthropic and Christian men for the accomplishment of such an object as I have suggested. I cannot doubt it would be the means of great good. There is at the present time especially, a desire among ministers to bring the sub-